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In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), or USASFC(A), became one of the U.S. military's most committed forces, spearheading coalition efforts to topple the Taliban in Afghanistan. Since that successful start to the War on Terror, Special Forces Soldiers have been key players in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The mission of USASFC(A) is to train, validate and prepare SF units to deploy and execute mission requirements of geographic combatant commanders in each operational theater.



Successes in Afghanistan, Iraq, Trans-Sahel Africa, the Philippines, the Andean Ridge, the Caribbean, and Central America have resulted in an increasing demand for SF around the globe as evidenced by the highest number of SF Warriors and special skills personnel currently deployed. Every day, USASFC(A) Soldiers remain deployed around the world in support of U.S. national security and foreign policy, living up to their motto: "De Oppresso Liber" — To Free the Oppressed.

U.S. Army Special Forces Groups:

1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
One battalion in Okinawa, Japan

3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Fort Bragg, N.C.

5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Fort Campbell, Ky.

7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Fort Bragg, N.C.

10th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Fort Carson, Colo.
One battalion in Stuttgart, Germany

19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Draper, Utah

20th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Birmingham, Ala.

Special Forces provide partner nations with the tools, training, and capabilities to secure their own borders and provide their own internal stability, thus helping civilized people around the world to live without fear of insurgents, terrorists, and criminal syndicates.

USASFC(A) consists of a command headquarters element, five active-duty SF groups and two Army National Guard SF groups. Each group has three battalions, a group support battalion and a headquarters company. Those companies each have six Operational Detachments-A, better known as ODAs, assigned to them. The 12-man ODA is the heart and soul of the SF regiment.



Forces Soldiers employ these missions throughout the operational continuum, during peacetime, conflict and war. Special Forces are often required to perform additional, or collateral, activities outside of their primary missions including: coalition warfare support, combat search and rescue, security assistance, peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, counter-mine and counter-drug operations.

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